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The Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) have requested a temporary authorization to operate the 331-C Storage Unit (331-C) located in the southern portion of the 300 Area of the Hanford Site. The 331-C Storage Unit will be used to store containerized waste from PNNL operations prior to shipment to treatment and disposal facilities. The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is currently reviewing the temporary authorization request. In order to grant the request, Ecology is required to make certain findings per the Dangerous Waste Regulations, Chapter 173-303 WAC.

RL and PNNL intend to vacate the 305-B facility, PNNL's current permitted storage facility, as soon as possible in support of the expedited 300 Area removal actions as described in United States Environmental Protection Agency Action Memorandum #1 for the 300 Area Facilities. RL and PNNL submitted permit application documentation to Ecology on December 15, 2005. In order to relocate 305-B operations to 331-C in advance of Ecology's final permit decision, a temporary authorization is needed.

For further information, contact Jeanne Wallace, Ecology, at (509) 372-7931 or Rudy Guercia, DOE RL, at (509) 376-5494.

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